Make a “T” chart. The left side should be the real people/places from history. The right side should be the corresponding people/places created for the play. You also need to know what role they played both the historical people and the characters in the play.

Dayton, Tennessee

John T. Scopes

H.L. Mencken

Hillsboro

William Jennings Bryan

Clarence Darrow

Henry Drummond

Mathew Harrison Brady

E.K. Hornbeck

Bertram Cates

What did John Scopes do that caused him to be arrested? Where did it occur?

Be familiar with the Butler Act: who created it, when, where and why.

Who were Robinson and Rappelyea and what involvement did they have with the Scopes trial?

Why did Darrow want Scopes to be found guilty?

Know the facts about the Scopes trial. Where, when, what was it referred to as and its official name.

What is the setting of the play?

When does Rachel Brown start to fear her father?

What is Rev. Brown’s impression of Drummond when he arrives in town?

What role does Sillers have in the play?

Re-watch the prayer meeting run by Rev. Brown. What Bible story does he recount?

How does Drummond respond when Brady asks him if “Right” has no meaning to him?

Know all the facts about why Cates left the church.

What scholar does Brady believe about the exact date the world was created?

Re-watch the conversation between Drummond and the radio technician.

Be familiar with verdict, sentence and character’s reactions to them.